

## REMARKS

### STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 were examined and remain pending. Claims 1, 4-5, 8, and 10-12 stand rejected. Claims 2-3, 6-7, and 9 stand objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 13-18 stand allowed. Claims 2, 6, and 9 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8 are currently amended. No other claims are amended. No new claims have been added. No new matter has been added.

Claim 1 is amended to recite the subject matter of canceled claim 2, which was deemed allowable in combination with claim 1. Claim 3 is amended to depend from claim 1.

Claim 5 is amended to recite the subject matter of canceled claim 6, which was deemed allowable in combination with claim 5. Claim 7 is amended to depend from claim 5.

Claim 8 is amended to recite the subject matter of canceled claim 9, which was deemed allowable in combination with claim 8.

### RESPONSE TO CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 2-3, 6-7, and 9 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As discussed above, the subject matter of claims 2, 6, and 9 have been included in independent claims 1, 5, and 8, respectively. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 5, and 8 and their corresponding dependent claims are patentable over the cited references.

Applicant notes that the Examiner provided an explanation of certain allowable subject matter with regard to claims 2-3, 6-7, and 9. Specifically, the Office Action mailed on December 23, 2004, states:

Prior art does not teach or suggest wherein said reset signal inputting means comprises an AND gate receiving at least said terminal power of said one of said host computers, and an OR gate having a first input receiving the output of said AND gate, and a second input receiving a reset signal of a SCSI bus.

Applicant believes that these claims are allowable for reasons including, but not limited to, the Examiner's statement of reasons. Furthermore, Applicant notes that the Examiner's statements are to be taken in light of the structure and/or interaction recited in the respective claims. Applicant also notes that the comments in the most recent Office Action and response may have paraphrased the language of the claims. It should be understood that the language of the claims themselves set out the scope of the claims.

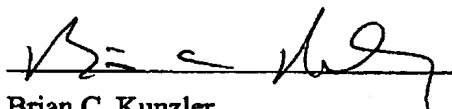
#### ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Advisory Action states that claims 13-18 are allowable. Applicant notes that the Examiner provided a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter with regard to claims 13-18. Applicant believes that these claims are allowable for reasons including, but not limited to, the Examiner's statement of reasons. Furthermore, Applicant notes that the Examiner's statements are to be taken in light of the structure and/or interaction recited in the respective claims. Applicant also notes that the comments in the most recent Office Action and response may have paraphrased the language of the claims. It should be understood that the language of the claims themselves set out the scope of the claims.

**CONCLUSION**

As a result of the presented amendments and remarks, Applicant asserts that claims 1, 3-5, 7-8, and 10-18 are patentable and in condition for prompt allowance. Should additional information be required regarding the amendment or traversal of the rejections of the independent and dependent claims enumerated above, the Examiner is respectfully asked to notify Applicant of such need. If any impediments to the prompt allowance of the claims can be resolved by a telephone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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